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Paragraphs 2-3: Macao informant.

1. Chinese Communist forces total 2,000,000.* The largest unit is the 4 Field Army, with 700,000 men. The remaining three field armies each have 400,000 men.
2. Two new field armies will be formed to replace the 1,000,000 Chinese Communist troops in Korea.** These will be the 5 Field Army under NIEN Jung-chen,*** acting chief of staff and mayor of Peiping, and the 6 Field Army under YEH Chien-ying.*** All provincial troops, militia and available manpower will be drafted into these new units. NIEN's troops probably will include the 59, 60, 62, 63, 64 and 65 Armies.*****
3. YEH's troops will reach a strength of 350,000 and will incorporate provincial public security divisions, citizen soldiers and other Communist units, including the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column. YEH's army duties will include garrisoning Kwangtung and Kwangsi. YEH has recruited about 80,000 men from Fukien (sic) who are now training in Shaozhou (113-33, 24-50).

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[REDACTED] Comment. It is believed that part of these forces are in Manchuria or on the border.

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[REDACTED] Comment. NIEN appears to be a rising figure in view of his many concurrent posts, and is believed to belong to the pro-Soviet clique headed by LIN Piao and LIU Shao-ch'i.

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[REDACTED] Comment. A Hong Kong press item of 11 December gives similar information on YEH's field army.

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[REDACTED] Comment. According to information available to this office, these armies are now assigned to the 1 Field Army.

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